

Address: 22, Eastfield, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB

About the application

Application number: 2025/92776	
What is the application for?:	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for residential development with
Address of the site or building:	land at, Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB
Postcode:	DH7 8XL

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OBJECTION LETTER – PLANNING APPLICATION 2025/92776	
To: Planning Department, Kirklees Council Application No.: 2025/92776 Site: Land at Eastfield, Shepley	
Address: 22 Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB Date: 20/11/2025 Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2025/92776	
Dear Kirklees,	
I wish to object to the proposed development at Eastfield, Shepley. I am a resident who has lived beside this land for many years, and I am deeply concerned about the effect this large housing scheme would have on my wellbeing, my surroundings, and the character of the place I have always called home. Risks to the Protected Drinking Water Source (SPZ1)	
The proposed development lies partly within Source Protection Zone 1 (SPZ1), a highly sensitive area that protects the public drinking-water supply used by Shepley Spring Ltd. The applicant has provided only a basic desk-based report with no proper groundwater investigation.	
This is extremely concerning given the potential irreversible harm to the water supply and local employment.	
The Application Understates Groundwater Risks The applicant suggests that contamination risk is low. This contradicts the Environment Agency's SPZ1 mapping and the detailed hydrogeological review. Development should not proceed on land that drains directly into a drinking-water source.	

Importance of Shepley Spring Ltd to the Community

Shepley Spring Ltd is a major local employer and a valued part of our village's identity. Any contamination could force the business to close.

My Family's Historical Link to the Founding of Shepley Spring

I wish to share that my family has a connection to the early history of Shepley Spring. Before the business became a spring-water supplier, the original owners ran a respected textile machinery business, which their two sons later evolved after discovering a natural spring. It grew into the successful business we know today and has provided opportunities for many, including members of my own immediate family, who were able to secure their first jobs straight from school.

My Childhood in Shepley and Lifelong Connection to the Woodland

I grew up in Shepley, and the woodland beside my home has always held a special place in my heart. As a child, the woods were a place of fun, exploration, and imagination, forming some of my happiest memories. Losing or changing such a meaningful landscape now, at this stage in my life, brings me real emotional distress.

A Long-Standing Local Family and Missed Opportunities for Community Benefit

My family has lived in Shepley for generations, and we know many people in the village, including the landowner. Over the years, local groups and individuals have reportedly approached the landowner with ideas to use the land in community-focused ways, such as keeping horses, forming shared community projects, or cooperative ventures that could promote sustainability and support local ESG initiatives.

It is disheartening that these community-based proposals were not taken forward. Instead, it appears the land may now be sold to the highest bidder, with little consideration for the community that has supported the landowner for so many years. This is very sad to see.

Impact on an Elderly and Vulnerable Resident

peace, routine, and familiarity are essential. A large building site and new estate beside my home would bring noise, traffic, loss of privacy, and major disruption, all of which would be extremely distressing for me.

Cycling and Public Transport Expectations Are Not Appropriate for Older Residents

The applicant promotes cycling and public transport as primary modes of travel. This may suit younger people, but it is not realistic for me . I cannot cycle, and travelling long distances by bus is not practical.

Highways and One-Way System Concerns

The proposed changes to local road layouts would increase traffic, confusion and danger—especially for an older resident who depends on safe, predictable roads.

Unlawful Vehicular Use of a Public Footpath (Not Disclosed)

Local knowledge shows that tractors and machinery have been using a route legally recorded only as a public footpath. This is not lawful access. The omission raises concerns about future intentions for access.

The “Grey Belt” Concept Has No Policy Basis

The term “grey belt” carries no weight in planning. This land remains part of the Green Belt.

No Explanation for Overhead Power Line Relocation

There is no detail on how overhead electricity lines will be safely removed or relocated. This is a major omission.

Conflicts With Local and National Policy

The proposals conflict with:

- LP34 – Water Environment
- LP52 – Pollution Control
- LP24 – Residential Amenity
- LP30 – Biodiversity
- Relevant parts of the NPPF (2024)

This development would have a deeply distressing impact on me
t and would damage the local environment, community heritage, and the
protected drinking-water source. I therefore strongly urge the Council to refuse
planning application 2025/92776.

To note

As a long-term resident living beside this land, I am personally and directly affected by this proposal. Everything I have written reflects my own concerns and my understanding of the documents published on the Kirklees planning portal.

Yours faithfully,